

ATTACHMENT 5

APPENDIX 1

RRS OPERATIONS QUALIFICATION PROGRAM

1. Purpose.

This document establishes the Rapid Response System Operations Qualification Program. It specifies the minimum requirements for the personnel who will train and qualify the personnel who will perform hazardous waste operations involving chemical warfare materiel in the Rapid Response System.

2. Scope.

- a. This program applies to all personnel assigned to the Rapid Response System.
- b. Rapid Response System job-specific training requirements outlined in Section H-1 of the Rapid Response System Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Part B permit application will be used to determine an individual's technical proficiency for assignment to an Rapid Response System crew.

3. Policy.

- a. All employees involved in hazardous operations will be provided with training regarding job orientation, safety procedures, and basic work principles prior to assignment to the job.
- b. No individual will perform Rapid Response System operations without being qualified in accordance with this program and the specific standing operating procedures (SOPs) that govern the operations.

4. Responsibilities.

- a. *Rapid Response System Operator Project Manager.*
 - (1) Is the qualifying authority and approves and signs qualification documentation.
 - (2) Identifies positions requiring qualification and specifies criteria for

certification.

- (3) Acts on recommendations of supervisors to qualify or revoke qualification of individuals.
- (4) Maintains a roster to track the qualification status of Rapid Response System personnel.

b. *Rapid Response System Training Director.*

- (1) Ensures all training required for safe operation of the Rapid Response System is provided.
- (2) Maintains the master training record for all Rapid Response System personnel.
- (3) Certifies all systems operator instructors.

c. *Rapid Response System Site Supervisor.*

- (1) Evaluates the training of subordinate personnel working to achieve and maintain qualification and notifies the qualifying authority when individuals are ready to be qualified.
- (2) Notifies the qualifying authority whenever an individual's proficiency warrants revocation of qualification.
- (3) In conjunction with safety personnel, ensures personnel demonstrate proficiency prior to allowing them to sign an SOP.

5. Procedures.

- a. For Rapid Response System equipment qualification, the Rapid Response System Site Supervisor will submit the names of individuals, with documentation, to the Rapid Response System Operator Project Manager when all the qualification requirements of the program have been met.
- b. For procedural qualification, an Rapid Response System Operator safety representative and a knowledgeable representative of the Rapid Response System Operator Project Manager will be present during the Rapid Response System

preoperational survey. During the preoperational survey, they will observe operator compliance with the SOP and verbally quiz all listed operators, as well as supervisors, to assist in determining whether the operators can be qualified.

- c. Prior to being qualified on an Rapid Response System mission, all operators listed will be required to demonstrate knowledge and/or proficiency, and participate in the successful completion of a preoperational survey.
- d. Maintaining Certification.
 - (1) To maintain the Rapid Response System equipment qualification, individuals will be retrained in accordance with Table 5-1.
 - (2) To maintain procedural qualification, individuals must not have been absent from a continuous operation more than 15 consecutive work days.
 - (3) Any individual who performs in an unsafe manner or creates hazards for themselves or fellow workers will be promptly removed from the Rapid Response System work site. This individual will be recommended to the qualifying authority for decertification if warranted.